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Mandatory Training Course on WMD and Terrorism Awareness for Security Professionals is unveiled by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.

The Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS) has issued four-hour training course on terrorism awareness that will now be mandatory for all newly licensed security officers. The Bureau recommends that the course also be used to fulfill four of the eight hours of continuing education required annually for currently licensed security officers.

Protecting California is protecting our home. We all have a crucial role in our safety and security. This training will specifically show how a security professional can be instrumental in preventing terrorist activity. Security professionals can help protect Californians by being expert observers, knowing the red flags of suspicious activity and reporting their observations to the correct authority in a timely manner. Additionally, knowledge of how to respond to a terrorist incident may help save lives, prior to the arrival of emergency personnel.

This course will aid in providing necessary information and training to the security industry.

The development of this course was initiated by BSIS more than one year ago. BSIS used the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) as the primary contractor in development of the training. Additionally, the California Department of Homeland Security, the California Military Department, UC Irvine, subject matter experts representing the private security industry, law enforcement, terrorism specialists and the chemical industry, helped develop this training program that is the model other states will now use to develop their training. The development of the curriculum was funded with a \$125,000 federal grant.

Best of all, this training course, in the form of a DVD and CDROM, will be provided to all licensed private patrol operators and BSIS-licensed training facilities at no charge.

BSIS is committed to protecting the consumers of California by continually striving to create a strong and productive working relationship between private security professionals and law enforcement.

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